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Identical letters dated 26 October 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I transmit to you herewith a statistical summary of Israeli violations of Security Council resolution 1701 (2006) committed during the month of September 2016 (see annex).

I should be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 34, and of the Security Council.

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Ground violations committed in September 2016

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
4 September	0700 1700	The Israeli enemy continued the work begun on 15 August 2016 outside the technical fence in the locality of Saddanah, near observation point OP3 of the Indian contingent of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), towards Birkat al-Naqqar. The enemy carried out the work using two excavators, four jackhammer vehicles and a bulldozer escorted by six AIL Storm vehicles and one Hummer vehicle. The Israeli enemy subsequently finished work and the vehicles left in the direction of occupied territory.
5 September	0627 1645	The Israeli enemy continued the work begun on 15 August 2016 outside the technical fence in the locality of Saddanah, near observation point OP3 of the Indian contingent of UNIFIL, towards Birkat al-Naqqar. The enemy carried out the work using four jackhammer vehicles, three excavators and two bulldozers escorted by two AIL Storm vehicles, six soldiers and a personnel carrier. The Israeli enemy subsequently finished its work and the vehicles left in the direction of occupied territory.
6 September	0620	The sound of several explosions was heard in the Shab'a Farms.
	0626 1620	The Israeli enemy continued the work begun on 15 August 2016 outside the technical fence in the locality of Saddanah, near observation point OP3 of the Indian contingent of UNIFIL, towards Birkat al-Naqqar. The enemy carried out the work using four jackhammer vehicles, two excavators and a bulldozer escorted by an AIL Storm vehicle and six soldiers. The Israeli enemy subsequently finished its work and the vehicles left in the direction of occupied territory.
	1615	Inside occupied Palestinian territory, four Israeli enemy soldiers installed a surveillance camera on a transmission tower within their position opposite Ra's Naqurah and pointed it towards Lebanese territory. The Israeli enemy army finished work at 1725 hours and withdrew in the direction of occupied territory.
8 September	1200	A shepherd reported seeing a suspicious item on the outskirts of Shab'a town, near observation point OP1 of the Indian contingent of UNIFIL. A Lebanese Army patrol went to the location and found some metal pegs planted in the ground. The pegs were part of a surveillance device which the Israeli enemy had previously planted on Lebanese territory and has recently removed.
13 September	0530 0830	Several explosions were heard within the occupied Shab'a Farms. From its positions at Ramta and Summaqah, the Israeli enemy directed machine-gun and medium-weapons fire at the surroundings.

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
19 September	1700	The Israeli enemy installed a camera opposite the town of Mays al-Jabal in the Kurum al-Shiraqi area, between points B64 and B64-1, 10 metres south of the Blue Line. The camera was fixed to a cube that was camouflaged to look like a rock. It was directed towards Lebanese territory.
26 September	1230	The Israeli enemy continued the work begun on 15 August in the occupied Shab'a Farms, beyond the technical fence, at the locations of Saddanah and Jabal al-Shahl, in the direction of the Radar position. The enemy carried out the work using two D9 bulldozers escorted by a hostile patrol comprising two personnel carriers, two Merkava tanks and 25 soldiers who took up positions on the surrounding hills. The Israeli enemy finished work at 1630 hours.
27 September	0930	The Israeli enemy continued the work begun on 15 August in the occupied Shab'a Farms, beyond the technical fence, in the locations of Saddanah and Jabal al-Shahl, in the direction of the Radar position. The enemy carried out the work using two trench diggers escorted by a patrol comprising a Merkava tank and 15 soldiers who took up positions on the surrounding hills. The Israeli enemy finished work and the vehicles withdrew in the direction of occupied territory at 1630 hours.
29 September	1350	An Israeli enemy patrol comprising a Defender vehicle, a Hummer pick-up truck, a steamroller, a trench digger and three soldiers carried out maintenance work along the technical fence opposite the Lebanese Army checkpoint of Udaysah. Members of the patrol trained their weapons on Lebanese territory. The Israeli enemy finished work and withdrew in the direction of occupied territory at 1530 hours.

Sea violations committed in September 2016

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
3 September	1716	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011) of 1 October 2011, for a three-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 240 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
4 September	1813	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), for a three-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 200 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
5 September	0938	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), for a 42-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 205 metres. Enemy divers descended from the launch and carried out maintenance work on the second and third buoys. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters. At 1055 hours, it again violated the boundary, for an 18-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 300 metres. It then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
	1825	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), for a three-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 260 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	1920	An Israeli enemy launch inside occupied Palestinian territorial waters released an explosive charge into occupied Palestinian territorial waters. The crew used a loudspeaker to call out in Hebrew to the crew of a Lebanese fishing vessel that was located inside Lebanese territorial waters.
6 September	0344	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), for an eight-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 330 metres. The crew directed a searchlight at Lebanese territorial waters and used a loudspeaker to call out in Hebrew to the crew of a Lebanese fishing vessel that was located inside Lebanese territorial waters
	0400 0430	From its position in occupied Palestinian territory opposite Ra's al-Naqurah, the Israeli enemy twice directed a searchlight towards Lebanese territorial waters, first for 30 seconds and then for 40 seconds.
	1748	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), for a four-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 350 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
10 September	1905	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), for a three-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 240 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
11 September	0230	From inside occupied Palestinian territorial waters at its position opposite Ra's al-Naqurah, the Israeli enemy directed a searchlight towards Lebanese territorial waters for a period of five minutes.
	1824	Opposite Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), for a two-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 130 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
12 September	0457	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), for a five-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 425 metres. The crew launched an explosive device into Lebanese territorial waters. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
	1822	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), for a one-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 205 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters. At 1831 hours, it violated the boundary again, for a three-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 205 metres. It then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
14 September	1010	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), for a two-hour-and-50-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 500 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	1805	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), for a four-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 295 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
15 September	1006	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), for an eight-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 110 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters. At 1034 hours, it again violated the boundary, for a four-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 200 metres. It then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	1855	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), for a two-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 204 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
16 September	1810	Opposite Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), for a two-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 150 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
17 September	0847	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), for a two-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 110 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	1855	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), for a three-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 150 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
22 September	1738	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), for a three-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 150 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters. At 1818 hours, it again violated the boundary, for a two-minute period, and proceeded on its way for 185 metres. It then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.

Air violations committed in September 2016

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
4 September	0445	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese territory, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over the Western Bekaa and the South before leaving at 0630 hours over Kafr Killa.
	0945	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Aytarun. It circled over Riyaq and Baalbek before leaving at 2200 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
5 September	0905	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek and Hirmil before leaving at 1900 hours over Kafr Killa.
	1530	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Rumaysh. It circled over the South before leaving at 2210 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
6 September	0515	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over the South, Riyaq, Baalbek and Hirmil before leaving at 1555 hours over Kafr Killa.
7 September	0615	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Rumaysh. It circled over the South before leaving at 1145 hours over Rumaysh.
	1300	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1440 hours over the sea west of Naqurah.
8 September	1220	Four Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1430 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
	1350	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Rumaysh. It circled over the South before leaving at 1555 hours over Kafr Killa.
10 September	0800	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese territory, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek, Hirmil and the South before leaving at 2115 hours over the occupied Shab'a Farms.
11 September	1010	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1100 hours over the sea west of Naqurah.
	1018	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over the sea off Juniyah. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1300 hours over the sea off Naqurah.
	1120	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Aytarun. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1215 hours over the sea west of Naqurah.

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
12 September	0655	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Rumaysh. It circled over the South before leaving at 1300 hours over Kafr Killa.
	0850	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek and Hirmil before leaving at 1725 hours over Rumaysh.
	0905	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek and Hirmil before leaving at 1700 hours over Kafr Killa.
13 September	1040	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over the South before leaving at 2310 hours over Rumaysh.
14 September	0605	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek, Hirmil and the South before leaving at 1450 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
	1035	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1220 hours over the sea west of Naqurah.
	2250	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Aytarun. It circled over the South before leaving at 0800 hours over Naqurah.
15 September	0740	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over the South before leaving at 2340 hours over Naqurah.
	1030	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Aytarun. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1140 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
	1050	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Aytarun. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1215 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
16 September	0955	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over the Western Bekaa, the South and Beirut and its suburbs before leaving at 1835 hours over Naqurah.
18 September	0840	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over the South before leaving at 1715 hours over the Shab'a Farms.
19 September	0600	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over Beirut and its suburbs and the South before leaving at 2230 hours over Rumaysh.
	1030	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Rumaysh. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1225 hours over Aytarun.
21 September	0610	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Rumaysh. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek and Hirmil before leaving at 2015 hours over Kafr Killa.

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
22 September	0705	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over the Shuf and the South before leaving at 2215 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
24 September	1200	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Rumaysh. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek and Hirmil before leaving at 1900 hours over Kafr Killa.
	2210	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Rumaysh. It circled over the South and the Bekaa before leaving at 0055 hours on 25 September over Alma al-Sha'b.
25 September	1030	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1230 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
26 September	1110	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over the South before leaving at 1650 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
27 September	1040	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over the sea west of Naqurah. It circled over the Western Bekaa and the South before leaving at 2000 hours over Kafr Killa.
	1615	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1710 hours over Rumaysh.
	1655	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek, Hirmil, Jubayl, Kasrawan and Matn before leaving at 2215 hours over Kafr Killa.
	2359	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Rumaysh. It circled over the Western Bekaa and the South before leaving at 0645 hours on 28 September over Kafr Killa.
28 September	1135	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese territory, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over the Western Bekaa and the South before leaving at 1535 hours over Rumaysh.
	1625	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1750 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
29 September	1005	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek and Hirmil before leaving at 2215 hours over Kafr Killa.
30 September	1350	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek and Hirmil before leaving at 1720 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.